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SUMMARY: SUNDAY TIMES OCTOBER 12 CARRIED ARTICLE
WRITTEN BY EDWARD HEATH ON HIS RECENT FAR EASTERN TRIP.
HEATH CONCLUDES THAT PACIFIC IS NOW "COCKPIT OF CHANGE"
IN WORLD AFFAIRS WITH MAINLAND CHINA DOMINANT FACTOR.
END SUMMARY

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1. FORMER COLSERVATIVE LEADER EDWARD HEATH WROTE AN

ARTICLE ON HIQ IMPRESSIONS OF ASIA FOLLOWING HIS RECENT WORLD TOUR WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN SUNDAY TIMES OF OCTOBER 12. HEATH REITERATED SOME OF HIS LONG-HELD VIEWS AS TO THE QUALITY OF CHINESE LEADERS HE MET. NOTING THAT HE HAD "UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY" OF DISCUSSING WORLD AFFAIRS WITH MAO TWICE IN LAST FIFTEEN MONTHS, HEATH SAID NO OTHER BODY OF MEN HAVE GIVEN HIM SO FIRM AN IMPRESSION AS CHINESE LEADERSHIP DID OF HAVING THOUGHT THROUGH CLEARLY AND REALISTICALLY POLICIES THEY INTEND TO FOLLOW AND IMPLICATIONS OF THOSE POLICIES. AT THE SAME TIME THEIR ATTITUDE IS NOT RIGID, AND CHINESE LEADERS ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN OTHER ASSESSMENTS. CHINESE VIEWS, HEATH SAID, ARE ROOTED IN BASIC RELATIONSHIPS CHINA HAS WITH US AND RUSSIA AND PART WHICH EUROPE CAN PLAY IN THESE RELATIONSHIPS.

2. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP CENTERS AROUND THREE FACTORS: THE DOCTRINAL ARGUMENT AS TO TRUE NATURE OF A COMMUNIST SOCIETY, BELIEF THAT SOVIET UNION WANTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK TO CONTROL CHINESE ACTIVITIES, AND "DEEP EMOTIONAL BITTERNESS" ARISING FROM SOVIET WITHDRAWAL OF AID, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE FIFTIES. IN CHINESE TERMS, HEATH REPORTED, SOVIET UNION IS ONCE AGAIN "IMPERIALIST AND AGGRESSIVE" SEEKING TO DOMINATE HER NEIGHBORS, BOTH CHINA IN THE EAST AND EUROPE IN THE WEST.

3. AS A RESULT OF CHINESE FEELINGS ABOUT SOVIET BETRAYAL, CHINA IS DETERMINED TO RETAIN ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. CHINA, THEREFORE, IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT LARGE CREDITS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HOWEVER FRIENDLY. CHINA IS READY, HOWEVER, TO WORK OUT A SYSTEM OF DEFERRED PAYMENTS FOR PARTICULAR IMPORTS ESPECIALLY WHEN DELIVERY TAKES PLACE OVER A LONG PERIOD. HOWEVER, THESE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ASSUME A SCALE WHICH CHINA IS UNABLE TO COPE WITH IN ITS NORMAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

4. CHINA'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH OVERSEAS INVESTMENTS, THEREFORE, WILL PROCEED MORE SLOWLY AND TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL EXPAND LESS QUICKLY. BRITAIN AND CHINA'S OTHER TRADING PARTNERS MUST TAKE LONG-TERM VIEW AND NOT EXPECT A SUDDEN AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRADE. ONE CHANGE HEATH CITED IN TRADE PICTURE WAS NEW CHINESE POLICY TO EXPAND EXPORTS OF OIL, MOSTLY TO JAPAN, RELYING ON INSHORE RESOURCES.

5. CHINESE CONSIDER SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE "FIRM BASIS"

FOR US/CHINA RELATIONSHIP, THOUGH FULL PEKING/WASHINGTON
RELATIONS CAN NOT BE EXPECTED UNTIL US CUTS ITS LINKS
WITH TAIWAN. CHINESE ARE "PATIENT PEOPLE" AND BELIEVE
SITUATION WILL EVOLVE WITH TIME. THIS IS ALSO CHINESE
ATTITUDE IN REGARD TO OTHER TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS SUCH
AS KOREA.

6. ON EUROPE, CHINESE LEADERSHIP HAS DEEP BELIEF IN NEED
FOR EUROPEAN UNITY, WANTING TO SEE A STRONG EUROPE ON
WESTERN FLANK OF SOVIET UNION. CHINESE FEAR HELSINKI
AGREEMENT WILL "BEMUSE" EUROPEANS INTO NEGLECTING SE-
CURITY DESPITE THE EVER-GROWING MILITARY MIGHT OF SOVIET
UNION.

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7. HEATH REPORTED THAT OTHER ASIAN NATIONS HE VISITED ARE CONCERNED ABOUT FUTURE OF LEADERSHIP IN CHINA. HEATH REPORTED THAT VICE PREMIER TENG HANDLED TALKS WITH "GREAT AUTHORITY" AND WAS PRESENT WHEN HE (HEATH) MET WITH MAO. HEATH SAID IT WAS PLAIN TENG WAS DEALING WITH EVERY ASPECT OF POLICY AND WAS CLEAR IN HIS MIND ABOUT PRIORITIES TO BE FOLLOWED INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. OVERALL POLICY OF CHINA CONTINUES TO BE SETTLED BY ITS TOP LEADERSHIP, AND CHAIRMAN MAO ONCE AGAIN DISPLAYED "COMPLETE MASTERY" OF THE SITUATION.

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8. ON JAPAN, HEATH SAID JAPAN HAS DILEMMA OF RESOLVING HER RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND SOVIET UNION. CHINESE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HEGEMONY CLAUSE IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, AND SOVIET UNION TAKES THE VIEW SUCH A CLAUSE WOULD BE AIMED AT SOVIET UNION. WHILE JAPAN WANTS PEACE TREATY WITH SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO REGAIN FOUR OCCUPIED ISLANDS, JAPAN NEEDS RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM CHINA OR SOVIET UNION. JAPAN APPEARS TO HAVE LOST INTEREST IN LARGE-SCALE INVESTMENT IN SOVIET UNION COMPARED WITH THREE YEARS AGO. AS A RESULT OF OIL CRISIS, JAPANESE REALIZE HIGH RATE OF GROWTH CANNOT BE MAINTAINED. JAPANESE ARE TENDING TOWARD PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF LIFE, EMPHASIZING SPIRITUAL RATHER THAN MATERIAL MATTERS. THIS, HOWEVER, IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GREAT DEAL OF EXTRA PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EXPENDITURE DEPENDENT UPON GROWTH ECONOMY.

9. HEATH CITED EFFECTIVENESS OF COMBINATION PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND MASSIVE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (PARTICULARLY HOUSING) IN ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE. IN BOTH INSTANCES WORLD RECESSION HAS BEEN WITHSTOOD WELL AND THEIR PEOPLES, TOGETHER WITH THOSE IN THE PHILIPPINES, ARE LOOKING FOR MEANS OF A RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN LIVING STANDARDS.

10. VISIT TO PACIFIC, HEATH CONCLUDED, FORCES TRAVELLER TO RECONSIDER PERSPECTIVES. EUROPEANS HAVE FIRM POLITICAL PATTERNS AND ECONOMICALLY TEND TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH OWN PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, TO TRY TO DEAL WITH ANY OF THEM IN ISOLATION IS VALUELESS, AND THEY MUST BE SET IN WORLD CONTEXT. PACIFIC IS NOW "COCKPIT" OF CHANGE AND WILL BE FOR DECADES TO COME.

11. COMMENT: SUNDAY TIMES CHOSE TO PUT HEATH ARTICLE ON EDITORIAL PAGE RIGHT NEXT TO EDITORIAL LAUDING MRS. THATCHER'S ACHIEVEMENTS AT BLACKPOOL, THUS HIGHLIGHTING SENSITIVE RELATIONSHIP OF PRESENT AND FORMER PARTY LEADERS.

12. ON ITS OWN MERITS, HOWEVER, HEATH'S ARTICLE REINFORCES HIS REPUTATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZES THE HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION HE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE FROM OTHER WORLD LEADERS.

13. FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO WASHINGTON, HONG KONG AND PEKING.

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